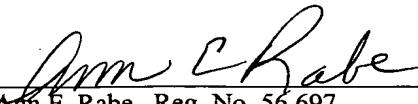




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Examiner: Cotton, Abigail Manda
Art Unit: 1617

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005. Attached is a request for a two month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to February 9, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.